

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method of analysing [the] contents of a pressurised container, the method comprising the steps of:

enclosing said container in a pressure vessel;

pressurising said pressure vessel with a non-reactive fluid;

piercing said pressurised container within said pressure vessel; and

analysing the contents of said pressurised container when drawn off through said [piercing]
piercing.

2. (Currently amended) [A] The method [of analysing the contents of a pressurised container as claimed in] according to claim 1, wherein said piercing is performed by [in] the following steps:

forming a first piercing, by which said first piercing the pressurised container is pre-pressurised, and

forming a second piercing,

wherein the pressure inside the pressurised container is kept constant by said first piercing when the contents of the pressurised container are [is] drawn off through said second piercing.

3. (Currently amended) [A] The method [of analysing the contents of a pressurised container as claimed in] according to claim 1, wherein the pressurised container comprises a canister wall, and the method further comprises [or 2, further comprising] the step of analysing [the] contents remaining on [container component] the canister wall after contents of the container are drawn off.

4. (Currently amended) [A] ~~The method [of analysing the contents of a pressurised container as claimed in]~~ according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein said container is a metered dose inhaler canister.
5. (Currently amended) [A] ~~The method [of analysing the contents of a pressurised container as claimed in]~~ according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein said non-reactive fluid is a propellant.
6. (Currently amended) [A] ~~The method [of analysing the contents of a pressurised container as claimed in]~~ according to any one of claims [1 to 3] 1, 2 or 3, wherein said non-reactive fluid is nitrogen.
7. (Currently amended) [A] ~~The method [of analysing the contents of a pressurised container as claimed in]~~ claim 6, [§] wherein said nitrogen is gaseous.